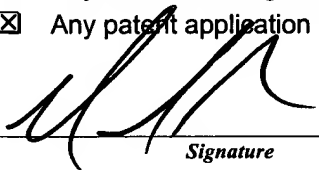


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>MAN0002-US</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>JOHN D. ABROMAVAGE ET AL.</b>					
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Invention: <b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK SECURITY</b>				APR 29 2004 <b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>	
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>50-1390</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
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<b>MICHAEL D. BEDNAREK</b> <b>SHAW PITTMAN LLP</b> <b>1650 TYSONS BOULEVARD</b> <b>MCLEAN, VA 22102</b>			I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the _____ for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.		
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** begin on page 13 of this paper and includes an attached replacements sheet.

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